

Claims

1. (original) A rodenticidal composition in the form of vegetable paste, comprising:

a fraction based on carbohydrates, prevalently of a vegetable origin;

a fraction based on fatty matter, prevalently of a vegetable origin;

at least one rodenticidal active principle, characterized in that said fraction of fatty matter comprises a vegetable oil having an iodine index lower than 70.

2. (original) The composition according to claim 1, characterized in that said vegetable oil has an iodine number lower than 60.

3. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterized in that said vegetable oil has an iodine number ranging from 48 to 53.

4. (currently amended) The composition according to ~~any~~ ~~of the~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterized in that said vegetable oil is selected from palm oil, coconut oil and blends thereof.

5. (currently amended) The composition according to ~~any of~~
~~the~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~—~~4, characterized in that the component
of fatty matter of a vegetable origin is equal to or higher
than 80% with respect to the total amount of fatty matter
present in the rodenticidal mixture.

6.(original) The composition according to claim 5,
characterized in that the component of fatty matter of a
vegetable origin is equal to or higher than 95% with
respect to the total amount of fatty matter present in the
rodenticidal mixture.

7.(currently amended) The composition according to ~~any~~
~~of the~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~-~~6, characterized in that said fraction
based on fatty matter prevalently of a vegetable origin,
essentially consists of palm oil.

8. (currently amended) The composition according to ~~any~~
~~of the~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~-~~7, characterized in that the
carbohydrate component of a vegetable origin is equal to or
higher than 80% with respect to the total amount of
carbohydrates present in the rodenticidal mixture.

9.(original) The composition according to claim 8, characterized in that the carbohydrate component of a vegetable origin is equal to or higher than 95% with respect to the total amount of carbohydrates present in the rodenticidal mixture.

10. (currently amended) The composition according to ~~any~~
~~of the~~ claim[[s]]1 ~~-9~~, characterized in that said fraction based on carbohydrates prevalently of a vegetable origin, comprises vegetable flour from cereals, refined sugar, cane sugar and mixtures thereof.

11.(currently amended) The composition according to ~~any~~
~~of the~~ claim[[s]]1 ~~-10~~, characterized in that said rodenticidal active principle comprises a free or micro-encapsulated anticoagulant agent.

12.(original) The composition according to claim 11, characterized in that said rodenticidal active principle is selected from the group comprising warfarin, coumachloro, coumatetralyl, coumafuril, pivaldione, difacinone, chlorofacinone, bromadiolone, difenacoum, brodifacoum, difethalone, flocoumafen and mixtures thereof.

13. (currently amended) The composition according to ~~any of the~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~-12~~, characterized in that it also comprises one or more bittering substances.

14.(currently amended) The composition according to ~~any of the~~ claim[[s]]1 ~~-13~~,characterized in that it comprises superfine "00" flour, ground biscuit, triethanol amine, refined palm oil, saccharine, refined sugar, brodifacoum, denatonium benzoate.

15.(original) The composition according to claim 14, characterized in that it consists of:

superfine "00" flour	49.1565%
ground biscuit	12.500%
preservatives	2.000%
triethanol amine	0.075%
refined palm oil	25.000%
saccharine	0.0125%
refined sugar	11.250%
brodifacoum	0.005%
denatonium benzoate *	0.001%

16. (currently amended) Use of a composition according to ~~any of the previous~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~-15~~ as a mouse- or rat-poisoning bait.